

A Pleasant Entertainment.—On Saturday afternoon the attaché of the Baltimore press were entertained with a grand supper at the Royal House, on the line of the Annapolis and Ohio Railroad. The menu was a most excellent one, the instance of Mr. J. M. Levy, the proprietor of the Royal House. After several hours spent in laughing, along the tables of the Palace at the Royal House, the guests, who were here caught in abundance, returned to the number of about thirty, remained in the hotel and dined at the tables, the host and hostess doing the honors. The bill was \$125.00. Equipped with the most master of transport.

Through the entertainment was held in the institution of a grand supper, the company were agreeable to the proposition, and the particular of only dish, as very delicate, the season could afford was provided in abundance. After the close speeches and toasts were indulged in until 7 o'clock, when the guests returned to the city in a train placed at their disposal by the agents of the road.

The New Battalion of Soldiers.—The organization of a new and independent military battalion, shows the utter folly of sending uneducated and inexperienced men to the General Assembly of our State, to discuss the particular branch of the law to answer their intended purpose. The law in question makes this body of civil authority (that is to be) subject to the call of the civil authority, and the particular branch of civil authority authorized to issue the call is left to the imagination of the reader. Altogether, this appears to be the faintest of soldierly organization, and the particular branch of powers directly in conflict with the organic law of the State, and of course void, and of no effect. It was doubtless the desire of the young men who organized this battalion, to have the power of exempting their honorably contributing members from serving as jurors, but the silly phraseology of the law makes all such certificates void, to whom, we think, is this battalion applicable?—The Governor, Mayor, Judges, Justices, and Marshal Herring, or the constables.—Weekly Dispatch.

Annual Conference of the African M. E. Church.—The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in connection with the Baltimore session on Saturday, in the South Howard Street Chapel. At 4 o'clock the conference was called to order by the General Superintendent, William H. Herring, in a most impressive manner. The New York, New Jersey and Maryland, Joseph J. Clinton, the Assistant Superintendent, was not present. On motion, Rev. Henry A. Thompson, of the Spring Hill Church, was elected the secretary pro tem. Appointment of ministers for the churches yesterday were then made, after which the conference adjourned to reassemble at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. A large number of delegates are expected to be in attendance, when the regular business of the body will be taken up and disposed of from day to day, the conference exercises jurisdiction over all the colored churches of the Southern district, and in large instances.

Burglars About.—Early on Saturday morning the residence of Dr. Thomas Owens, No. 102 West Fayette street, near Sharp, was entered through a rear window by burglars. It is supposed that the party was a party of three, and at 1 and 2 o'clock, when people are said to sleep the soundest. The lower apartments of the house were pretty thoroughly ransacked. Two coats were taken from the foot of the bed, and the bed abandoned in the breakfast room, where the thieves evidently became alarmed and decamped. About the same hour the dwelling of Dr. James H. McCulloch, No. 101 West Fayette street, was also entered, but nothing of value was obtained.

Narrow Escape.—On Friday afternoon a child of Mr. F. M. Galt, residing at the corner of Eager and Valley streets, came near losing his life by falling into a tub of water. The tub containing fronnagers and was overflowing, and was standing in the foot of the bed, while his parents were in another room, the child, a little more than a year old, went out and falling into the tub, inhaled water and fell into it. Soon after it was discovered that the child was lifeless, lying under the water. Dr. Waon was called and after great exertion succeeded in producing a reaction, though it took several hours before his recovery was considered certain.

Minors and Fire Apparatus.—The practice of minors to run with the fire apparatus has long been a source of evil, and contributed more than any other cause to the destruction of property, which is lost between the companies. The city authorities have issued a resolution imposing a fine upon each and every minor arrested while running with the apparatus, and a resolution which will be rigidly enforced. Marshal Herring has given orders to arrest every violator of the ordinance until the evil is entirely abated. The movement is a good one, and will, it is believed, be of great benefit, as it may reduce the number of incendiary fires.

Religious.—Yesterday, upon the occasion of the administration of the sacrament at the Second Presbyterian Church, East Baltimore street, thirty-four persons united with the congregation, twenty-two in confession of faith, five on certificates from other churches. On a like occasion, on the previous Sabbath, at the First Presbyterian Church, on the occasion of the administration of the sacrament, and on certificates from other churches, both on confession and certificate. It is evident that the religious awakening is prevalent in this city and throughout the country, it is bringing many within the pale of the church.

Sale of Real Estate.—Messrs. F. W. Bennett & Co. auctioneers, sold on Saturday afternoon, at the City Hall, the premises known as the "New Birmingham Manor," in Prince George's county, near Centre station of the Baltimore and Washington railroad. It contains one hundred acres of land, with a large frame dwelling-house, with all the requisite farm buildings, and has an orchard of 1,000 trees in full bearing. It was purchased by Walter W. Henry for \$20,000 per acre, or an aggregate of \$2,000,000.

Not Necessary.—On Saturday afternoon a man fell into the dock at Spess's wharf, and after he had laid at the bottom for some time, his body was found and placed on the wharf. It is supposed to be dead, and a coroner was sent for to hold an inquest. Before that was accomplished, however, he had been revived, and after having been properly treated was enabled to go on his way. He expressed his gratitude that it was not necessary to place a pine jacket on him.

Seizure of Assault Weapons.—William H. Herring, the City Marshal, has seized a large quantity of assault weapons, which were found on Friday morning at Liverpool, was arrested by Officer Herring on the charge of assaulting and stabbing with intent to kill. He was committed to jail, with intent to kill. He was committed by U. H. Commissioner Hanna to answer at the present term of the Circuit Court, and was dangerously injured, and is attended by Dr. Dwinelle.

Seizure of the Joseph Whitney.—The steamer Joseph Whitney, Capt. Howe, left her wharf at three o'clock on Saturday morning, and was found with a full freight load the following night. The cargo consisted of a large quantity of goods, valued at \$100,000. The vessel was found with a full freight load, and was committed to the custody of the City Marshal, who is expected to arrive on Saturday morning.

Visitation of Ordinances.—Lewis F. Johnson, a native of Baltimore, was arrested on Saturday by Officer Rathbone, on the charge of allowing a nuisance to flow into Jones' falls. The nuisance was a large quantity of refuse, which was being discharged into the falls. The nuisance was removed, and the vessel was committed to the custody of the City Marshal.

Arrest.—On Saturday night John Murray and others, on the charge of assaulting and beating him, was held for court by Justice Anderson. The assault was committed on the person of John Murray, who was severely injured, and is attended by Dr. Dwinelle.

Preparation to Rebuild.—The First Baltimore Home Company are also enlarging the dimensions of the entrance to their house, preparatory to the erection of their new steam fire engine, which is expected to arrive on Saturday morning about the 3rd of May. Upon the reception of the engine a grand trial exhibition of its powers will be given for the benefit of the sick and aged.

Seizure of the City of Norfolk.—The steamer City of Norfolk, Capt. Howe, left her wharf at three o'clock on Saturday morning, and was found with a full freight load the following night. The cargo consisted of a large quantity of goods, valued at \$100,000. The vessel was found with a full freight load, and was committed to the custody of the City Marshal, who is expected to arrive on Saturday morning.

Disturbance Public Worship.—John Coffey, 50 Park Dock, was arrested on Saturday night, on the charge of disturbing public worship, by shouting and making a disturbance in the church. He was committed to the custody of the City Marshal, who is expected to arrive on Saturday morning.

young men from the city were upon a grand expedition, and procuring a boat they crossed the Patuxent for the purpose of making game in the Herp's woods. On arriving at the shore, three of the young men left the boat, and went into the woods, leaving their companion, a youth named William Henry Rider, sitting alone in the boat. The party did not proceed, and before they heard the report of a gun, and looking towards the boat, saw a number of persons running to the spot from the direction of the hospital buildings. The party instantly returned with speed, thinking their boat was about to be carried off, but on arriving at the spot they were horrified to find Rider in the arms of the physicians of the hospital, and dying from the effect of a gunshot wound in the side. The unfortunate had lived just long enough to be carried to the hospital, when he died without breathing a word. A short, double-barreled gun, with one barrel discharged, was found in the boat, which was recognized by Rider's companions as the weapon he carried with him. The manner in which the accident occurred is not known, but it is supposed that Rider attempted to lift his gun by the barrel, and the hammer striking upon the seat of the boat caused it to discharge. The entire charge, consisting of small shot, entered the right side, below the nipple, and entered upward through the vitals. Coroner Benson was notified of the shooting, and appeared upon the spot, but inasmuch as the affair was witnessed by several persons at the hospital no investigation was deemed necessary. The body of Rider was taken in charge and brought to the residence of his father, Henry Rider, No. 102 West Fayette street, near the Spring fields. The deceased was but 15 years of age, and an only son.

"To be or not to be" a Philibuster.—Within two or three days past the minds of many parties have been engaged in the consideration of the appearance, the loading and the destination of a steamer lying in our harbor. All sorts of surmises have been on hand. Finally government officials took notice of the matter, and a search was made of the result. The barque Brunette, Capt. E. P. Larkin, of Belfast, Maine, was here chartered to take a number of persons to Havana, there to be landed in the middle of the island, through the magnificent island of Cuba, extending by a trunk from east to west, and by various side roads to different parts north and south, making a perfect chain of internal communication through the island.

On Saturday she was examined by the U. S. Boarding Officer, Capt. McDonald, with special and only reference to her general appearance and other requirements of the laws regulating passenger ships. A favorable report was made. In the information was lodged at the office of the U. S. District Attorney, the vessel was bound on a "filibustering" expedition, and upon his application to the collector the vessel was ordered to be cleared, but was detained for a further examination. Capt. McDonald, and several other officers of the customs, was dispatched to examine the cargo, and see if any munitions of war were on board, and also to place an officer on board in charge, with a report of such examination should be made to the collector, when a decision would be made. It is believed that the boarding officer will report favorably for the release of the vessel, and that no grounds whatever for suspicion of her being a "filibuster" exists.

Assault in the Maryland Penitentiary.—On Friday afternoon last a unusual occurrence took place within the walls of the Maryland Penitentiary, being a murderous assault committed by one of the prisoners. It is known to many (and if anybody does not know it, it is not his business) that Mr. Charles Murdoch has a contract to employ so many of the prisoners in the manufacture of brooms and buckets, and that he is paid for each broom and bucket he makes. The prisoner, who was employed in the weavers' shop, by some means, came to the conclusion that Kimble had informed upon him. His watch, his coat, and his hat, were taken from him, and he was seized a mallet from the carpenter's bench, and struck Kimble heavily on the head, and it is believed that he killed him. The prisoner, who was employed in the weavers' shop, was arrested, and is now in the penitentiary, and the officer reports to the warden.

It appears that Robert Halbert, sent to the penitentiary on the 1st of May, and who has been six months, abused and went beyond his privileges, though he was not in Mr. Murdoch's room, and the superintendent of the room, Mr. Murdoch, was ordered to give him a flogging at this point on Friday, was the scene of a murderous assault, on the Monday night preceding, while outside of Cape Henry. From what we can learn, the prisoner, who was employed in the weavers' shop, was arrested, and is now in the penitentiary, and the officer reports to the warden.

Death of an Aged and Respected Citizen.—Yesterday morning departed this life, John Walsh, in the 75th year of his age, one of our oldest and most respected citizens. Although he was aged, he has been a resident of Baltimore for about sixty years, a great part of which time he was largely engaged in the lumber business, during the course of which he has acquired a large fortune. He is believed to have been more than himself to the improvement of our city. An intimate friend of the late Archbishop Carroll, he was prominent among the small but respected band of citizens of that day who, uniting with the people, resolved to erect the Cathedral, which now forms a prominent feature among the public edifices which ornament our city. The course through life of this venerable man, one we may well strive to imitate, is filled with an example of the respect and veneration of all who knew him.

The Weather.—Yesterday was a very disagreeable day, a cold northeast storm, with rain, having prevailed for the greater part of the day. The wind shifted to the southwest, and was comfortably warm, and it continued up to a late hour at night, but the wind changed to the northeast and became quite cold. The rain began about 10 o'clock in the afternoon, and continued nearly all night, with some slight intermissions. The sudden change, it is feared, may injure the young oaks, as the trees of the later crop are new in full bloom, and many of those of the early crop have a soft, tender bark, and are liable to be injured. The temperature was not so cold last night, however, as during the morning, and it may be that a few days of warmth will prevent any serious damage.

The Casualties of the Past Week.—The condition of Isaac Smith, who fell from the box of his omnibus on Friday night, is represented as critical, and it is thought he cannot survive his injuries. His skull is fractured. Thomas Wedg, the colored lad who was kicked in the head by a horse at the stable of Wm. Boeckner, on Thursday last, still lies in a critical condition at his father's dwelling in a China street. The colored man who was struck by an engine at the corner of Swarth, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, on Tuesday last, still lies at the Lombard street infirmary in an improved state. Soon after his admission it was deemed necessary to amputate his arm. His skull is broken.

The United Fire Department.—The adjourned meeting of the standing committee of the Baltimore United Fire Department, will meet this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the City Hall, to further consider the charges made by the Columbia Fire Company against the Franklin. In our notice of the proceedings of Friday night, we inadvertently omitted to state that Mr. Van Norden intimated an intention to appeal from the decision then made, to the Department. We are advised that the testimony of Officer Chase, Frazer and others, will be given, and it is thought that the plea will be sustained.

Incendiarism.—On Saturday night, about one o'clock, a fire broke out at the corner of Hillen street, between East and French streets, which was fortunately discovered by the police, and was extinguished without doing any damage. The incendiary had broken open a window shutter to afford them the opportunity to commit their crime.

Fire Alarm.—About eight o'clock on Saturday evening, the curtain in the eastern story of a dwelling on Broadway, near Eastern avenue, accidentally caught fire. They were extinguished without doing any damage, although it gave occasion for a fire alarm, and a fire engine was sent to the spot.

Assault.—On Friday evening last a drunken driver in a buggy by Thomas South, along the corner of Hillen and French streets, struck a woman, who was riding in a carriage, and she was injured. The driver was arrested, and is now in the penitentiary, and the officer reports to the warden.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

More Incendiarism.—A fire broke out about half-past one o'clock yesterday morning in a large one-story frame building on Holland street, near the corner of the street, which was occupied by Jarrett Sappington, which, together with its contents, was entirely destroyed. The house was very old, and everything about it of such a substantial nature that more than five minutes elapsed after the discovery before the entire structure was in flames. The loss of Mr. Sappington was about \$200, upon which there was no insurance. The building belonged to A. H. Cole, and was worth about \$100, upon which there was no insurance. The fire communicated to the three-story brick dwelling house on the west, occupied by Jacob Steibel, the whole upper part of which was burned, with a large portion of the furniture of the occupant. The damage of Mr. S. is estimated at about \$500, upon which there is a policy of \$100 in the Firemen's office. This building belongs to Francis Davidson, and was damaged to the amount of \$200, which is covered by insurance in the office of the Equitable Society. The house next adjoining on the west, a three-story brick dwelling, was occupied by Mr. Garwood, whose furniture was damaged to the amount of \$100, upon which there was no insurance. It belongs to Francis Davidson, and the roof and upper story were destroyed. The damage was about \$200, which is covered by insurance in the office of the Equitable Society. The flames next communicated to No. 16, a large two-story brick dwelling house on the east, owned and occupied by Thomas McCormick, the roof of which was destroyed, and the whole building was deluged with water. The damage to the building is about \$700, which is covered by insurance in the Associated Firemen's Office. The furniture was damaged by water to the amount of \$150, which is covered by insurance in the Equitable Office. A stable, belonging to J. J. Turner, near by and in the rear of his property, was also damaged, and was insured to the amount of \$50, which is covered by insurance. A few minutes before the fire broke out a person living in the neighborhood had occasion to go out, and as he ran from the building in which the fire originated. For some time past there has been, scarcely a fire that has not been lighted by the incendiary, but it seems that the incendiary has been using a more insidious method, and has been using a more guarded and protected against the approach of the midnight destroyer.

The frame building in which the fire originated was among the oldest in that part of the city, having been erected long before any of the adjacent houses. In all the wood-work of the court-house was got out in the late George Millman, who owned and occupied it for many years. It is said to have been built nearly a century ago, but for a number of years has been in a dilapidated condition. For a long time the people in the neighborhood have feared that the fire in any other part of the street, and it is, and that fear has been realized. It was built on Holland street was opened, and the earth where it stood is still some three feet higher than in any other part of the street. An alarm of fire was occasioned at 10 o'clock on Saturday night by the burning out of the chimney of a house in "Blue Row," on Plum alley, sothern district.

News of the Siles Terres.—Commodore Charles Grant, the first mate of the ship Terres, at this port from the China Islands, charged with aiding in the murder of John Wilson, a seaman of said vessel, who was before reported, and a further examination on Saturday morning before United States Commissioner Hanna, which resulted in Grant, and a seaman named George Adams, being committed to the present term of the United States Circuit Court, and answer the charge of murder.

Charge of murder. The sailor committed testified that he did not see the first part of the affair, but admitted that he forged Wilson by order of Captain Holmes—that Grant, Adams, Smith, Malone, and himself, all fled upon the ship, and were committed to the hands of the main rigging, and was then whipped successively by each of the four in a new rattling style. The captain (Holmes) stood by, and the sailors whipped his body around so that he could be whipped on every part of his person, and there was no part of his body that was not marked with the blows. After they had whipped him they threw salt water over him. He was then let down, and went into the cabin and threw himself, covered with blood, into his bunk—where he lay until he was taken down by the captain to bring him on deck. Partridge told Wilson that the captain wanted him to come out on deck. Wilson replied: "For God's sake let me lie here and die." They then carried him out on deck, and he died by the time they got him there.

Reed, the boy, after Wilson was taken down from the rigging, by order of the captain, washed his face with a broom and salt water. Grant and Partridge being committed to answer the charge of murder, the boy, Charles Reed, and a seaman named William Smith, were committed to appear as witnesses. The captain, (Holmes), was previously stated, was put ashore at Fernmount, the ship coming to Baltimore in charge of another captain, who was reported to have been arrested, and has not been arrested. The two seamen, Answell Smith and Samuel Malone, are also at large. The whole circumstances of the case, so far as developed, evidence one and the same cold-blooded and heartless homicides that has for years been brought to the notice of the United States Courts in Maryland. District Attorney Adams conducted the examination.

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